

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 39

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1955

Mr. REUSS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a Joint Com-
3 mittee on Intelligence Matters to be composed of nine
4 Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of
5 the Senate, and nine Members of the House of Representa-
6 tives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Repre-
7 sentatives. In each instance not more than five Members
8 shall be members of the same political party.

9 SEC. 2. The joint committee shall make continuing
10 studies of the intelligence activities and problems relating to
11 the gathering of intelligence affecting the national security
12 and of its coordination and utilization by the various de-

1 partments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Govern-
2 ment. The Central Intelligence Agency and related intel-
3 ligence services shall keep the joint committee fully
4 and currently informed with respect to their activities. All
5 bills, resolutions, and other matters in the Senate or the
6 House of Representatives relating primarily to the Central
7 Intelligence Agency and related intelligence services shall
8 be referred to the joint committee. The members of the
9 joint committee who are Members of the Senate shall from
10 time to time report to the Senate, and the members of the
11 joint committee who are Members of the House of
12 Representatives shall from time to time report to the House,
13 by bill or otherwise, their recommendations with respect
14 to matters within the jurisdiction of their respective Houses
15 which are (1) referred to the joint committee or (2)
16 otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint committee.

17 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
18 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
19 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall
20 be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original
21 selection. The joint committee shall select a chairman and
22 a vice chairman from among its members.

23 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized
24 subcommittee thereof is authorized to hold such hearings, to

1 sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpoena
2 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the
3 production of such books, papers, and documents, to ad-
4 minister such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such
5 printing and binding, and to make such expenditures as
6 it deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to
7 report such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per
8 hundred words.

9 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint
10 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and steno-
11 graphic assistance as it deems necessary and advisable. The
12 committee is authorized to utilize the services, information,
13 facilities, and personnel of the departments and establish-
14 ments of the Government.

15 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee, which shall
16 not exceed \$ per year, shall be paid one-half from
17 the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the
18 contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon vouch-
19 ers signed by the chairman. Disbursements to pay such
20 expenses shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate out
21 of the contingent fund of the Senate, such contingent fund
22 to be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the House of
23 Representatives in the amount of one-half of the disbursement
24 so made.

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